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E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LOS: ENGO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSESSIONAL WORK

REFS: STATE 115674

B. YAOUNDE 1613

C. GENEVA 3410

1. AMBASSADOR MADE APPROACH TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO AT MAY 17 LUNCHEON ALONG LINES REFTTEL A. STRESSED CENTRAL ROLE ENGO HAS PLAYED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON DEEP SEABED AND CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF INTERSESSIONAL WORK WHICH REQUIRES ENGO LEADERSHIP. NOT WISHING HURT ENGO AND REDUCE CHANCES SUCCESS BY GIVING IMPRESSION (FALSE, OF COURSE) THAT ENGO STOOGE OF U.S., MENTIONED ALSO THAT POSITIONS FAVORED BY ENGO OFTEN AT VARIANCE WITH OURS. AHIDJO LISTENED, SMILED, AND PROBABLY ABSORBED, BUT SAID NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL IN REPLY.

2. PRIOR TO RECEIVING REFTTEL A, DCM HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF INTERSESSIONAL WORK WITH ENGO AT SOCIAL EVENT MAY 16. ENGO SAID
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HE ENVISAGED INITIAL MEETING IN YAOUNDE WITH REPS OF ABOUT 20

SELECTED COUNTRIES ATTENDING. TO GET GURC ON BOARD, HE SAW NEED FOR SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF MEETING. NAMED US, UK, FRANCE, PERHAPS EVEN USSR. HE FELT, HOWEVER, HE SHOULD FIRST SUBMIT OWN REPORT TO GURC ON GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MENTION THAT NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE CALL AND CONDUCT INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS.

3. IN LIGHT THIS CONVERSATION WITH ENGO, WE CONSULTED HIM WHEN REFTEL A RECEIVED TO SEE WHETHER HE CONSIDERED AN APPROACH TO PRESIDENT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE AND HARMFUL. HE AGREED OCCASION WAS A GOOD ONE TO RAISE PRESIDENT'S CONSCIOUSNESS ON SUBJECT, PROVIDED APPROACH WAS IN BROAD TERMS OF EXPLAINING STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND DID NOT INVOLVE "HARD SELL" ON PROPOSAL WHICH WAS NOT YET BEFORE PRESIDENT THROUGH OWN CHANNELS. ENGO WAS VERY PLEASED WITH TONE OF OUR INTENDED APPROACH AND BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. COMMENT. AHIDJO'S ESSENTIALLY SILENT LISTENING IS TYPICAL OF HIS REACTION ON SUBJECT ON WHICH HE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY FULLY REFLECTED. THIS INITIAL DISCUSSION PROVIDES BASIS FOR ANY FOLLOW-THROUGH APPROACH WE MAY WISH TO MAKE WITH PRESIDENT OR HIS KEY AIDES AT APPROPRIATE TIME. MEANWHILE EMBASSY WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH ENGO AND REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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